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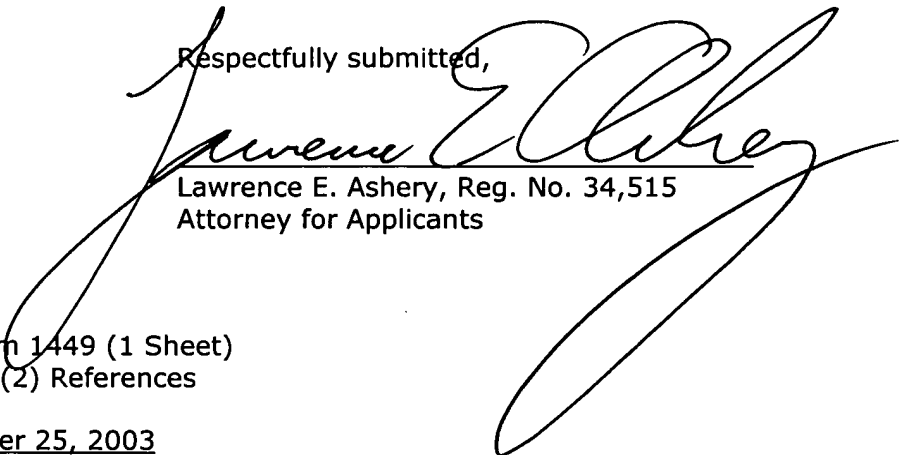
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- 1) 10-150633
- 2) 10-066004

References 1) and 2) include an English language abstract and a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for Reference 2) is also set forth in the specification at page 2, lines 1-2.

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